

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 11, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.
Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Smith at 6:30 P.M.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said by all.
3. Roll Call was taken by County Clerk Dolly Cook and a quorum was present.

Present: Vice Chairman Smith and Commissioners Degenauer Jr., Martin and Stevens. (4)

Absent: Chairman Wender had a knee replaced and is excused. (1)

Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Prosecutor Stephanie Brule, Sheriff Scott Celello, Equalization Director Larry Swartout and Controller Kay Pascoe.

4. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the agenda as written. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the following meeting minutes as written:

Regular Meeting - 3/28/11
Committee of the Whole - 3/28/11

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

- A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)

Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Government Class: Abbie Simone, Kacey Pepin, Jordyn Dumais and Jordan Barbeau.

Vice Chairman Smith opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Barb Kramer, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. She stated next week the State Historical Society District Representatives will be here to begin their assessment on the historical district in Iron Mountain. She stated it is a grant worth about \$50,000 for the study. She stated the name of their presentation at the Library will be Historic Preservation is Economic Development. Dan Pietrantonio, member of the Dickinson County Planning Commission, addressed the Board. He asked if the Board was going to address the appointment of Larry Rusch tonight. He stated he was rejected at the last meeting by a three to two vote. He stated he re-submitted his paper work. He asked what do you want as a response to the ad? Vice Chairman Smith stated he will answer these questions at Commissioner Personal Privilege. There was no other participation.

- B. Resolutions and Legislation - Commissioner Degenauer

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer, supported by Commissioner Martin to adopt County Resolution Michigan Certified Assessing Officer Program as requested by Breitung Township. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- A. **Finance Committee** - Finance Chairman John Degenauer, Jr.

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the Treasurer's Trial Balance and Budget Status Reports for the month ending 3/31/2011. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request of the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 50 for a donation to the 2011 Fireworks Fund in the amount of \$200.00 Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr. Aye

Martin Aye
Smith Aye
Stevens` Aye

Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to release the 2011 appropriation to the Lake Antoine Lake Association in the amount of \$2,500. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin Aye
Smith Aye
Stevens Aye
Degenauer Jr. Aye

Motion Carried.

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to release the 2011 appropriation to the Spring Lake Animal Shelter in the amount of \$27,500 in quarterly installments. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Stevens Aye
Degenauer Jr. Aye
Martin Aye
Smith Aye

Motion Carried.

5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to release the 2011 appropriation to the Felch Senior Center in the amount of \$5,000. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr. Aye
Martin Aye
Smith Aye
Stevens Aye

Motion Carried.

B. A-95 Review - Commissioner Joe Stevens

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to support the request of CUPPAD for federal assistance in the amount of \$169,884 for Economic Development Planning. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin Nay
Smith Aye
Stevens Aye
Degenauer Jr. Aye

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens stated this is CUPPADS main funding and without this funding they are out of business. This is for three years. Commissioner Martin stated she cannot spend this amount of money for planning. Commissioner Stevens stated this is not just planning. He stated Michigan and Wisconsin are working together on this.

C. Crystal Lake Center/YMCA - Commissioner Frank Smith - No Report

D. Six County Employment Alliance - Commissioner Frank Smith - No Report

E. Planning and Zoning Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report

F. DHS/Dickinson-Iron Health Department - Commissioner Smith

1. DHS Board Meeting Minutes - 2/28/11

G. Community Services Agency - Commissioner Smith - No Report

H. Northpointe - Commissioner Ann Martin

2. Board Meeting Minutes - 3/17/11

I. Pinecrest - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report

J. Equalization Committee - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report

K. Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling- Commissioner Smith - No Report

L. Public Safety and Judiciary - Commissioner Henry Wender - No Report

M. Parks Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to acknowledge receipt of a letter from the NRCS (National Resources Conservation Service) regarding the Hardwood Dam and authorize the Controller to set up a meeting with the NRCS and other interested parties. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Pascoe explained they want the County to do a Hydrological Study. She stated there is a house that will be in danger if the Dam is breached. She stated the risk factor will be raised if more lots are sold within the subdivision.

N. Airport Committee - Commissioner Henry Wender

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the NMU Public Safety Institute to conduct a Precision Driving Course at Ford Airport on June 2- 3, 2011 subject to the execution of an indemnification agreement and proof of insurance. All Ayes, Motion Carried

O. Fair Board - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.

2. Fair Board Special Meeting Minutes - 2/15/11

P. Library Board - Commissioner Ann Martin - No Report

Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev. - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report

R. Employee Relations Committee - Commissioner Frank Smith

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve a motion to go into executive session to discuss trial or settlement options with the Board's attorney in the case of Dickinson County v. Taff at 7:00 P.M. (2/3 majority required) Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Stevens Aye

Degenauer Jr. Aye

Martin Aye

Smith Aye Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to go back into regular session at 7:24 P.M. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to delay any decision until the next meeting when all commissioners are present. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens

1. Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes - 3/03/11

T. Dickinson County Road Commission - Commissioner Henry Wender - No Report

U. Construction Code Commission - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report

V Bay West Advisory Committee - Ann Martin - No Report

8. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person):

Vice Chairman Smith opened the floor to Citizens' Time and there was no participation.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Degenauer - None

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Degenauer - None

11. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept Committee Reports and Correspondence and Place on File. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

12. Controller's Report. - None

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Stevens asked if they could put Larry Rusch's name back on without re-advertising?

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated we should re-advertise because that is our procedure and we should follow it.

County Clerk stated it would be two more months before we advertise again.
Commissioner Smith stated we should follow our policy. He further stated they have had problems in the past with not receiving enough information on the people who want these positions and then it does not work out. He stated he wanted more information.
Commissioner Stevens stated he felt he would be a good candidate. Commissioner Martin stated she thought he showed interest and was willing to come forward and that is why she supported him.

14. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 7:30 P.M.

Frank Smith, Vice Chairman

Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk

